Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-22 (cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) A communication device comprising:

an input device for inputting text character-by-character from a sequence of characters;

a memory device for storing a plurality of reference character sequences of characters; and

a prediction device for comparing individual ones of the input characters with the reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the reference character sequences after the inputting of individual input characters of the sequence of characters to be input provides a corresponding comparison result,

wherein the prediction device compares the input characters to characters that are not directly adjacent to the reference character sequences;

wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device uses drawing movement between various characters of the text input area for marking separated characters of a single coherent character sequence.

24. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the prediction device compares the input characters with the first and the last character of the reference character sequences.

25. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the prediction device compares a plurality of input characters with initial and end characters of a plurality of syllables of multi-syllable ones of the reference character sequences.

26. (Currently amended) The communication device as claimed in claim 23, ~~wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and~~ wherein the prediction device distinguishes between touching and drawing movements during an input of characters.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) A communication device, comprising:

an input device for entering text character-by-character from a sequence of characters;

a memory device ~~that stores~~ <u>for storing</u> a plurality of reference character sequences of characters; and

a prediction device ~~that compares~~ for comparing individual ones of the input characters with the reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the reference character sequences after the inputting of individual input characters of the sequence of characters to be input provides a corresponding comparison result,

wherein the input device ~~enters~~ uses drawing movements to enter a number of syllables with respect to two input characters of the sequence of characters to be input, and

wherein the prediction device compares the number of input syllables with corresponding numbers of syllables of the reference character sequences.

29. (Currently amended) The communication device as claimed in claim 25, ~~wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters which can be input are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting,~~ wherein the text input area comprises at least one syllable input area.

30. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the syllable input area is formed by at least one edge and of the text input area.

31. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the syllable input area is formed by two mutually opposite edge areas of the text input area.

32. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device distinguishes between touching and drawing movements during an input of characters.

33. (Currently amended) The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device uses <u>the</u> drawing movements between various characters of the text input area for making ~~characters or~~ syllables of a single coherent character sequence.

34. (Currently amended) The communication device as claimed in claim [[28]] <u>29</u>, wherein the syllable input area extends over two opposite edge areas of the text input area and extends further along the laterally adjoining edge areas from the outside edge sections.

35. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the input device inputs a word completion character for identifying the end of a word.

36. (Original) The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the reference character sequence is stored as a sentence or part of a sentence of a plurality of words and is provided for comparing and predicting a sentence or part of a sentence.

37-48 (Cancelled)

49. (Currently amended) A method for inputting text from a sequence of characters into a communication device comprising:

inputting a sequence of characters character-by-character by means of an input device,

wherein after at least two characters have been input, missing characters of the sequence of characters are predicted by means of a prediction device by comparing the characters to character sequences stored in a memory, and

wherein during the prediction, the at least two input characters are processed as not-directly-adjacent characters of the sequence of characters;

wherein a display device with a touch-sensitive text input area is used for a character input, and a drawing movement between various characters of the touch-sensitive text input area is for marking separated characters of a single coherent character sequence.

50. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein during the comparison, the at least two input characters are processed as the first and the last character of a word or a syllable of the sequence of characters.

51. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein [[the]] a number of syllables of the sequence of characters is additionally input and used during the comparison.

52. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein [[a]] the display device with [[a]] the touch-sensitive text input area is used for a character input, and is provide further provided for inputting [[the]] a number of syllables to an edge area of the text input area, being provided for inputting the number of syllables.

53. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the prediction for input characters of the sequence characters is performed after the input of a completion character.

54. (New) A communication device comprising:

an interactive display device for displaying characters in a text input area and for touch-sensitively selectable inputting a sequence of characters by drawing movement between various characters of the text input area for marking separated characters of a single coherent character sequence;

a memory device for storing a plurality of reference character sequences of characters; and

a prediction device for comparing the sequence of characters to characters that are not directly adjacent to the reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the reference character sequences after inputting the sequence of characters.

55. (New) A communication device comprising:

an interactive display device for displaying characters in a text input area and for touch-sensitively selectable inputting a sequence of characters by drawing movement between various characters of the text input area for marking separated characters of a word, wherein the sequence of characters are a portion of characters within the word and the first and the last character of the sequence of characters are the same to the first and the last character of the sequence of the word;

a memory device for storing a plurality of reference character sequences; and

a prediction device for comparing the sequence of characters to the stored reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the reference character sequences after inputting the sequence of characters.